

THE GLADNESS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"THAT I MAY SEE THE GOOD OF THY CHOSEN, THAT I MAY REJOICE IN THE GLADNESS OF THY NATION,
THAT I MAY GLORY WITH THINE INHERITANCE" (PSALM 106:5)

What is the gladness of God's people? To be saved without money and without price; to be saved by grace; free, rich, sovereign, distinguishing grace, without one atom of works, without one grain of creature merit, without anything of the flesh. This is the gladness of God's nation; to rejoice in free grace, grace super-aboundings over the aboundings of sin, grace reigning triumphant over the dreadful evils of our heart. It is grace that gladdens a man's heart. Oh! sweet grace, blessed grace! when it meets our case and reaches our souls. Oh! what a help, what a strength, what a rest for a poor toiling, striving, laboring soul, to find that grace has done all the work, to feel that grace has triumphed in the cross of Christ, to find that nothing is required, nothing is needed, nothing is to be done. It is a full and perfect, complete and finished work. Oh! sweet sound, when it reaches the heart and touches the conscience, and is shed blessedly abroad in the soul. This is the gladness of God's nation; this makes their heart glad, that the work is finished, that the warfare is accomplished, that the Church of God has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins; this is the comforting sound with which God comforts his people; this makes the nation glad, and their heart to leap and dance for joy. Has your heart never leaped at the sound? only for a moment? Has grace never sounded sweetly in your soul, and made your very heart dance within you? If it has, you know what is the gladness of God's people. — J.C. PHILPOT

CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

UP COMING EVENTS

Fellowship Luncheon Dec 1st
(to be held at the parsonage)
Grace Conference Feb 21, 22, 23
Donnie Bell, Don Fortner

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us
Useless Kinds of Religion, J.C. Ryle
Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart
Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham
"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."
librero.iglesiadegracia.us
Artículos de Gracia 2018, Joseph D Murphy
Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover
Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "Come and see" / Si el Señor quiere, "Ven y ve"

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of
you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing
from the living God (HEBREWS 3:12)



WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" **JOSEPH D MURPHY**, PASTOR
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Sunday, 10 AM

1 TIMOTHY
ENGLISH

Sunday, 11 AM

PSALMS
ENGLISH

Domingo, 6 PM

ROMANOS
ESPAÑOL

Wednesday, 7 PM

1 CORINTHIANS
ENGLISH

SERVICE TIMES

ENGLISH

Bible Classes Sun, 10 AM
Worship Service Sun, 11 AM
Bible Study Wed, 7 PM

ESPAÑOL

Servicio de Adoración Dom, 6 PM

AUDIO PODCASTS

AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY

Purposed Grace Sermons
Purposed Grace Articles

DISPONIBLE EN ITUNES Y GOOGLE PLAY

Propósito y Gracia, Sermones
Propósito y Gracia, Artículos

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER / GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE

RECENT PODCASTS

RECENT SERMONS

God is the judge (PSALM 75)
Is Christ divided (1 CORINTHIANS 1:9-18)
The Wrath of man... (PSALM 76)

SERMONES RECIENTES

Justificado por Fe (ROM 3:24)
Cristo vino para salvar... (1 TIM 1:15)
Nacimiento Nuevo (JUAN 3:7)

DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS" (ACTS 2:42)

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

What is the Apostles' doctrine? [we read the answer in] 1 Timothy 6:3 *"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness." The Apostles' doctrine was "even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

What is our doctrine? Church tradition (1 Peter 1:18)? The commandments of men (Matthew 15:9)? Have we concocted a set of doctrines that reflect our depraved sense of justice, or is it thus saith the Lord? Do we trust our "interpretation" of the Bible or believe God? How important is doctrine? The books of Timothy are the old and wise Apostle, teaching and exhorting the young preacher Timothy regarding the ministry, and the word "*doctrine*" is in his letters to Timothy twelve times. (1 Timothy 4:16) *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* [Now,] doctrine is not salvation — Christ is salvation, but you are not saved without doctrine. Some say things like, don't preach doctrine, just preach Christ. This is like saying, don't get in the water, just swim. Doctrine means "teaching." Christ said, (Matthew 11:29) *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* [Reader] for you to learn of Christ, someone is going to have to teach you.

What is it to continue in the doctrine? They continued to hear it. God's sheep don't ever tire of hearing the truth. We are diligent seekers of and lovers and students of the truth. What could be better, more interesting, more profitable, more enjoyable than the truth of God in Christ? Truth never changes, like God Who is truth, it is immutable. They continued to learn it and pursue it. Acts 17:11 *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."* They continued to embrace it. They were steadfast and were not carried about with every wind of doctrine. (Ephesians 4:14) *"That we henceforth*

be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." They continued to walk in it. *"Adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things"* (Titus 2:10).

[Beloved,] if we truly believe what we say we do, we will act like it. Many in studying the word of God make separation between what is called the doctrinal and the practical teachings of scripture. [Now,] they can be *distinguished*, but not be *separated*. Every truth taught, and learned, affects the walk of those taught [of God]. [And so] we do emphasize that a man can know doctrine, and believe all the things that we believe, and miss Christ. But, I believe, by far more to the point in my generation, is that men and women cannot believe on the Christ, of whom they have not heard (Romans 10:14).— **CHRIS CUNNINGHAM**

A PERVERTED GOSPEL

"I MARVEL THAT YOU ARE SO SOON REMOVED FROM HIM THAT CALLED YOU INTO THE GRACE OF CHRIST UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL; WHICH IS NOT ANOTHER, BUT THERE BE SOME THAT TROUBLE YOU AND WOULD PERVERT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST" (GALATIANS 1:6,7) — "IF THOU WILT MAKE ME AN ALTAR OF STONE, THOU SHALT NOT BUILD IT OF HEWN STONE: FOR IF THOU LIFT UP THY TOOL UPON IT, THOU HAST POLLUTED IT" (EXODUS 20:25)

Any perversion of the absolute free sovereign grace of God in the gospel of Christ is an abomination unto our Great God. Whether it be molding the altar of stones to our liking to suit our demands, or putting anything of self to the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary, God is not honored in it nor will He be tolerant of it. Some perversions are very obvious, while others are much more subtle, but the end result is the same. It is polluted by man and the stamp of 'unacceptable' is upon it. Oh, how I need your prayers as I stand here to proclaim the wonder and mystery of 'Christ and Him crucified'. Oh, how I need your ears to 'take heed how you hear as well as to what you hear'. I am thankful that by the grace of God and faith in His blood that you have not these many, many years tried to add one thing to that perfect altar, that sinless Redeemer! Oh, may He keep us here together, serving Him, worshipping at His footstool and rejoicing in that one and only Sacrifice for sinners: Jesus The Christ! [AMEN!] — **DREW DIETZ**